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Patents

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Oomman P. Thomas et al.

Serial No.: 09/474,043

Filed: December 28, 1999

For: BREATHABLE COMPOSITE ELASTIC
MATERIAL HAVING A CELLULAR ELASTOMERIC
FILM LAYER AND METHOD OF MAKING SAME

Atty Docket No.: 1115-1-13

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RCE PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box AF
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In response to the Office Action mailed June 18, 2002, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend the claims as follows:

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33. (Twice Amended) A breathable cellular elastomer film or filament material having cells created therein by a cell opening agent, said material being essentially free of polystyrene homopolymer and having at least a portion of said cells being closed, said material being breathable and having an elongation at break of from about 300 to about 600 percent.